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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/725,204	Applicant(s) SONG ET AL. ST	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13, 15-18 and 20-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 14 and 19 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 December 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," **"The invention provides,"** "The disclosure describes," etc.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-13, 15-18, 20-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Callaluca et al. (US. patent 5,967,538).

Callaluca discloses a motorcycle comprising:

- a. a frame and a steering fork having a pair of fork tubes;
 - b. a lower triple clamp rotatably coupled to the frame and operatively coupled to the pair of fork tubes such that the fork tubes rotate relative to the frame;
 - c. an upper triple clamp (figure 3A) rotatably coupled to the frame and operatively coupled to the pair of fork tubes such that the fork tubes rotate relative to the frame,
- the upper triple clamp having an upper surface, the upper surface having a recess therein including a bottom surface with at least one aperture;

d. a cap secured on the upper surface of the upper triple clamp wherein the cap is adapted to conceal the recess in the upper surface and adapted to hold an indicator light; and a fastener assembly adapted to rotatably couple the frame to the upper and lower triple clamps.

With regard to claims 2-13 and 16-18, Callaluca discloses all of the claimed limitations.

Note: The examiner takes position that the word “adapted” is not a positive limitation but only requires the ability to so perform. Therefore, Callaluca meets all the functional language limitations in the broadest sense.

With regard to claim 20, Callaluca discloses a method of concealing a motorcycle steering stem nut while still keeping the steering stem nut accessible comprising:

- a. providing a motorcycle;
- b. removing a first upper triple clamp from the motorcycle;
- c. providing a second upper triple clamp, the second upper triple clamp having an upper surface with a recess including a bottom surface with at least one aperture;
- d. securing the second upper triple clamp to the motorcycle;
- e. providing a cap that is configured to mount on the upper surface of the second upper triple clamp and sized to substantially cover the recess therein; and securing the cap to the upper surface of the second upper triple clamp.

With regard to claims 21-24, Callaluca discloses all of the method claimed limitations.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 14 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Henricksen ('541), Costa ('524), Fukunaga et al. ('625 B1), Lane ('269), Burns et al. ('963), and Mason et al. (D437,571 S) are cited of interest.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Anthony H. Winner whose telephone number is (703) 306-5957. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 am to 6:30 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris, can be reached at (703) 308-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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